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from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

AWOC AND AUTOMATION?

There has been a good deal of eyebrow wrinkling in the labor movement about automation.

When your job is suddenly outmoded by a machine, you have cause for concern.

But automation in the fields may be a different matter.

NO GRIEF

When the white man came to California, he put the Indians to work harvesting the crops. Later, it was the Chinese. During the Depression it was the "Okies" and refugees from other dust-blighted parts of the Midwest. World War II saw the importation of Mexican Nationals, who stayed into the postwar years.

Now the back-breaking, underpaid work on our farms is done by the Nationals and a conglomeration of minority groups and economic unfortunates.

It will be hard to weep when these jobs are displaced by machines.

TOMATO PICKER

Tomatoes are the big money crop at this time of the year. A few days ago, a big Sacramento Valley tomato grower showed newsmen his tomato-picking machine. Propaganda move or not, it was good news.

Two weeks before, there was a report in the Christian Science Monitor about a cherry picking machine in Michigan.

Machines to harvest crops are nothing new. Cotton picking machines were developed during the Depression. I remember watching a nut harvester at work in the San Joaquin Valley when I was a youngster. Machines saved the sugar beet harvest during World War II.

UNION STILL NEEDED

Obviously, some crops lend themselves more to machine-picking than others. And some machines are in a higher stage of perfection than others.

As for the tomato harvest, let's demand union wages and conditions this year. If Farmer Ernest Blackwelder gets his machine—and a special variety of tomato that can be harvested mechanically—by next year, more power to him.

Let's just be sure that those who drive and maintain the machines and load the lugs of tomatoes onto trucks get decent wages, too.

Strike continues

A strike by Sheet Metal Production Workers 355 against the West Coast Steel Division of Aladdin Heating Corp. in San Leandro entered its second week as the East Bay Labor Journal went to press.

Some 42 union members struck for higher wages Aug. 30.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers, on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

COPE launches 'crash' drive to

register Alameda Co. voters

Alameda Co. labor pledges farm drive support at meeting

It was 2:40 a.m. one day last week.

The place: Boilermakers Hall, 750 14th St.

Some 100 farm workers filed in to find out how they could receive union wages and benefits.

This was the first meeting held by the AFLCIO Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee (AWOC) in Alameda County.

Richard Groulx, assistant secretary of the Alameda County Central Labor Council, said: "155 unions in Alameda County stand ready to assist the farm workers."

Leaflets were distributed, telling of the gains made by the AWOC in other areas.

Gus Billy of the Textile Workers Union and 17th Assembly District Committee on Political Education (COPE) told the farm workers he understood their problems because he lives in the area where the majority of them live—West Oakland.

He has seen farm owners trying to beat down wages and labor contractors demanding the biggest share of wages for bus fare.

Billy called farm workers' pay "starvation wages."

Contractors play off the farm workers to the highest bidder, and the worker gets caught in the middle, Billy pointed out. But by sticking together he can get decent wages.

Tom Anderson of the Dining Car Cooks and Waiters compared the farm workers' fight with that of his union against the railroad when he arrived in the Bay Area 55 years ago.

NORMAN SMITH

Norman Smith, AWOC director, expressed pleasure at the big turnout. AFLCIO unionists had distributed handbills about the meeting to farm workers in two pre-dawn session on previous mornings.

Smith pointed out that the AWOC has offices all over California—where the farm workers are—and will open one in Oak-

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Strike ends; Clerks win 7½ cents

Members of Department and Specialty Store Clerks 1265 were back on the job this week at Grayson's and Goodwin's in Oakland after a two-week strike which brought gains averaging 7½ cents an hour.

Russ Mathiesen, Local 1265 secretary, said the 43 strikers also won extended sick leave for long illnesses. The new clause gives them from four to 13 week's sick leave, including dis-

BTC to give cities photos on 'shyster' tracts

Photographic evidence of shoddy building practices in a tract in southern Alameda County—and anywhere else they are found—will be gathered by a Building Trades Council Committee.

The council voted to act Tuesday night following a report by Charles Roe of Carpenters 1622.

Roe said a "shyster operator" was erecting homes with grossly inadequate foundations on adobe soil.

When the first rains come, Roe pointed out, the foundations will settle.

Such slipshod construction practices are a "cancer to the building industry," Roe said. He added that the homes in question are being built without GI or FHA financing and are not subject to these requirements.

Roe's plan is to take pictures and confront city building officials with photographic evidence.

He said the problem was similar with one which C. R. Bartolini of Carpenters 36, president of the State Council of Carpenters, called to the BTC's attention about 10 months ago.

PICKETS

M. B. Dillashaw of Cement Masons 594 reported for J. L. Childers, BTC business representative, who was on vacation.

Dillashaw said pickets had been removed temporarily at CBS Carpet Co. (formerly Two Guys), in Berkeley and Earl the Glass Man in Hayward.

Picketing at both non-union firms was scheduled to start again this week.

Glenn McIntire of Carpet and Linoleum Layers 1290 said CBS Carpets had opened an outlet in Sacramento but is doing very little business in Berkeley. By the end of next week, McIntire said, the union and the BTC hope to close the operation down again.

If you buy floor coverings, McIntire warned, be sure you do business with a union firm.

Robert Kerr of Glaziers 169

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ability benefits, depending upon length of service.

Other gains include improved health and welfare coverage, double time for Sunday inventories, advance schedule posting and other fringe benefits.

Operator of the two stores, Grayson-Robinson, Inc., a nationwide chain, hired strike-breakers. However, all striking members of Local 1265 were returned to their jobs.

KENNEDY TO SPEAK AT OAKLAND AUDITORIUM

Sen. John F. Kennedy, Democratic presidential candidate, will deliver a major campaign speech at 7:45 p.m. this Thursday, Sept. 8, at the Oakland Civic Auditorium.

The rally will be free to the public.

Singer Nat Cole and Comedian Bob Newhart will be featured in a one-hour show during the rally.

Congressman Jeffery Cohelan and George P. Miller will lead a delegation of officials greeting Senator Kennedy, according to the Kennedy for President Northern California headquarters in San Francisco.

10,000 swelter; Labor Day picnic is huge success

A crowd estimated at 10,000 rubbed elbows at the Alameda County AFLCIO Old Fashioned Family Labor Day Picnic.

Sweltering in the heat, Alameda County unionists and their families played games, drank beer and watched a top-flight program of entertainers.

Congressmen Jeffery Cohelan and George Miller gave brief talks of welcome, as did Supervisor Francis Dunn, chairman of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and county chairman for Kennedy. Candidates for the State Assembly were introduced.

Recipient of the expense-paid trip to Hawaii for two given away at the picnic was Merle Wallace, office secretary for Auto and Ship Painters 1176.

Two \$500 U. S. defense savings bonds were given to George P. Collins of 1831 13th St., of Carpenters 36, and T. L. Kelley of 1650 Lawndale Avenue, San Leandro.

TICKET SALES

Robert S. Ash, secretary of the Central Labor Council and the sponsoring Council on Political Education (COPE) awarded a live donkey to three unions who sold the most tickets to the picnic.

Ash announced, however, that the unions—Food Clerks 870, Auto Workers 1031, and Auto and Ship Painters 1176—won't get to keep the donkey. It'll be presented to Children's Fairyland.

The unions, who won in their respective size divisions, will receive donkey statuettes, instead.

Tenative winners in the individual ticket sales contest, according to COPE director Ed Reith, are Ted Trautner, Typographical 36, first; C. L. McMonagle, Auto Machinists 1546, second, and Jody Kerrigan, Culinary Alliance 51, third.

Register by Sept. 15 or it'll be too late

A three-point "crash" program to bolster voter registration among union members was launched this week by the Alameda County AFLCIO Council on Political Education (COPE).

Deadline for registering to vote in the Nov. 8 election is next Thursday, Sept. 15.

If you haven't registered by then, COPE Director Ed Reith reminded union members, you won't be able to vote in this year's important presidential election.

You must register if you:

WHO MUST REGISTER?

1. Did not vote in the November, 1958, election and haven't registered since.

2. Have moved since this year's June primary.

3. Have changed your name by marriage or other legal action.

4. Will be 21 by Nov. 8, or

5. Are a new citizen.

If you are in doubt about your registration status, call COPE, TW 3-6190.

The "crash" program will include:

—Registration in downtown Oakland and probably in Hayward.

—House to house canvassing in the 13th and 17th Assembly districts, where response to registration appeals, so far, has been poor, and

—Registration at union meetings of locals who request this service from COPE headquarters.

Reith stressed that the registering will be done by volunteer COPE deputy registrars.

This year's election is important to union members. Editorials on page 8 point out why you should register, even if you are not interested in the campaign now, and how labor-backed legislation fared in the special session of Congress.

Petris, Rumford address EBMUD organizing meet

Assemblymen Nicholas Petris and William Byron Rumford pledged their support to East Bay Municipal Utility District employees at a union organizing meeting last week.

They received a standing ovation from the more than 150 present. The meeting was sponsored by the AFLCIO American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

Charles Hogan, AFSCME international representative, has asked EBMUD officials to probe alleged intimidation of employees by "lower echelon" supervisors.

HOW TO BUY

How to spot defects in homes

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

This year's building slump is a blow to families seeking homes. By mid-1960 only 630,000 new homes had been started compared to 766,000 last year.

Prices have risen too, though the 1960 slump has curbed the rate of rise. Construction costs have been rising at a dismayingly stubborn rate of about 3.6 per cent a year for the past ten years. This year's boost has been held to about 1.7 per cent.

Thus, 1949's \$10,000 house cost \$13,000 by 1959, and now \$13,830. If you can find it, that is.

The scarcity of new homes at reasonable prices is leading many moderate income families to shop for older ones.

An older house in good condition may be a comparatively reasonable buy. It often offers more space than new houses. But if there are serious defects, an older house can be a terrific expense. Basic repairs can run into several thousand dollars.

If you inspect carefully, preferably with the aid of construction experts, you may be able to detect any serious flaws. If you know the defects beforehand, you may be able to get a price adjustment to pay for the necessary work or get such contractual protection as a termite guarantee.

Here are the estimated costs of fixing eight most common defects.

INADEQUATE WIRING: The older the house, the poorer the wiring is likely to be unless a previous owner has rewired. Nowadays houses need at least a three-wire, 220-volt, 100-amp main electric board; more for a large house or if there's an electric range. Allow about \$150-\$350 if a new electric service and main board is required, plus \$5-\$8 for each new outlet and switch needed and \$25-\$50 for each special circuit for such appliances as an electric dryer.

TERMITES: You really need a termite specialist to check a house before you buy. Inspection fee may be as little as \$5-\$10 without a written guarantee, more with. Possible costs to repair termite damage may be from \$150 to \$5,000 and even more.

HEATING SYSTEM: Many older houses have converted furnaces or boilers. A converted plant may be satisfactory, but one especially designed for the type of fuel it now uses, such

as oil or gas, is preferable. A furnace or boiler 20-25 years old may not last much longer.

Installed cost of a warm-air furnace starts at \$500-\$750. If a whole new heating system is needed, the bill can run from \$1,500 to \$5,000, depending on the size of the house.

HOT-WATER HEATER: This may be either of insufficient capacity or worn out. Installed cost of a new hot water tank heater may be \$135-\$185 for a 40-50 gallon gas-fired model, more for electric units.

INSULATION: Most pre-World War II houses were built without any insulation. Even many built up to 1955 have attic insulation but little or none in the walls. You generally can see attic insulation in the attic floor, but may have to ask the seller if he had insulation blown into the walls. You also can judge whether exterior walls are much colder than interior walls by holding your hand against both.

Typical cost of insulating walls runs about 20-30 cents per square foot; attic floors, about 10 cents. Total cost for a typical older house would run \$250-\$500.

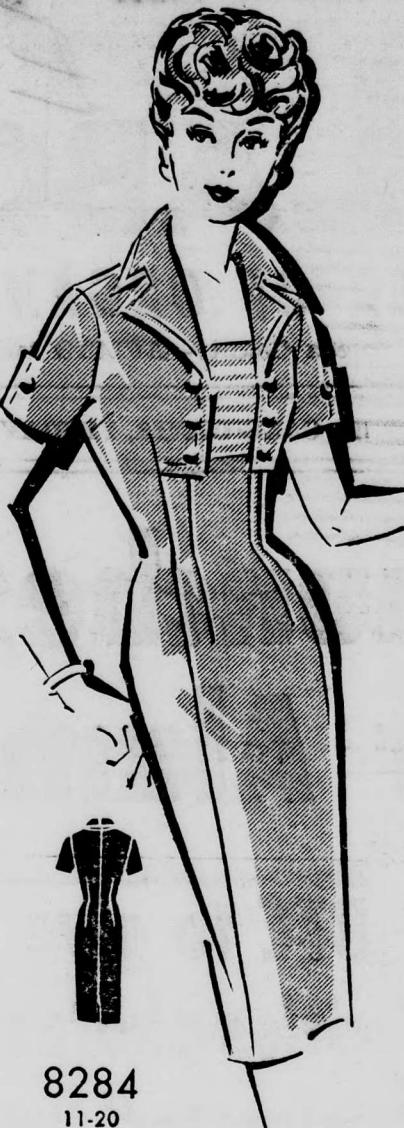
PLUMBING: Common troubles are inadequate pressure due to corroded pipes, and inadequate septic tanks. Bad plumbing may be encountered especially in houses with iron pipes more than 25 years old. The amount of water pressure from top-floor faucets is the surest tattletale. New plumbing costs can vary greatly. Septic tank repairs may run from \$100 to \$1,000.

ROOF: An asphalt shingle or built-up roof may need repairs or replacement if it is more than 10-15 years old. Cost of patching a roof may be \$50 and up. A new asphalt shingle roof will cost from \$300 for a small house to as much as \$750 for a large one.

BASEMENT: Usual clues to dampness are dark stains on walls and floor, flaky cement on walls, mildew, dry rot in ceiling beams. Correcting a wet basement can cost \$500 and up, and sometimes is impossible if the house was not properly built.

WHEN THE Democratic administration returns to the White House in Washington, it should re-establish the office of "Labor diplomats," Atty. Gen. Stanley Mosk said in a Labor Day address.

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'Older' women

One in every three "older workers" in the United States is now a woman, according to Dr. Seymour Wolfbein, the U. S. Department of Labor's top manpower expert.

Dr. Wolfbein hastened to add that, by "older workers," he means those over 45. Dr. Wolfbein made his remarks before the fifth International Gerontological Conference in San Francisco last month.

Ten years ago, he said, women accounted for only one in four workers over 45. There has been a downturn in the number of "older" male workers.

Hospitals may cut drug costs

Part of the high cost of drugs is due to the fact that most doctors prescribe by brand name, rather than scientific name.

There are usually several drugs with the same scientific name, all costing different amounts and having different brand names. If your doctor prescribed by scientific name, you could ask the druggist for the cheapest of the drugs. All are virtually the same.

The house of delegates of the American Hospital Assn., meeting in San Francisco recently, swung a big blow at the expensive-to-patients practice of prescribing by brand name.

It is recommended to all member hospitals that they adopt a system under which doctors would have to prescribe by scientific name, except when they feel it essential that a patient have a certain manufacturer's drug.

This means hospitals will be able to buy the cheapest drug of each kind and, since they will be buying larger quantities they should get discounts on top of this.

Theoretically, your hospital bill should be lower, and your health plan premiums reduced.

John F. Allen, science writer for the San Francisco Examiner, said one drug firm has withdrawn its advertising from the hospital association's journal as a reprisal move.

Allen said the American Medical Assn. and other professional groups have tended to side with the drug firms, who want doctors to prescribe by brand name.

"The reason in the case of the AMA is not hard to find," Allen said. "More than half of its income is produced by the drug firms advertising in its various journals, and the entire cost of its annual meetings is met by fees paid by technical exhibitors, most of them pharmaceutical houses."

First Demo. club founder dies

Mrs. Georgia Ormsby, women's suffrage leader and founder of the first Democratic Club for Women, died in Oakland Aug. 29.

Mrs. Ormsby, who lived at 438 36th St., attended several Democratic national conventions.

Allstate, Sears

An Associated Press story says Allstate Insurance Co., a "wholly owned" subsidiary of Sears, Roebuck & Co., earned \$17,011,871 last year and paid its parent company \$9,436,143.

The figures are for the year ending July 31. The previous year, Allstate made \$17,304,331.

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To the Ladies:

FROM the EDITOR

WOMEN OF AMERICA, unite!

But who'll it be—Kennedy or Nixon?

When the conventions ended, the pundits—in their many-sided wisdom—said Jack would swing the female vote. They did not use the exact words, but it added up to the fact that, in the columnists' considered opinion, he had more sex appeal.

There was also that youthful look and all that hair.

What red-blooded American girl wouldn't like to mother him and stroke that shaggy mop on top?

HOW ABOUT Tricky Dick?

Khrushchev said Nixon reminded him of a grocery clerk—which, of course, drew an indignant blast from the Retail Clerks Union.

And an otherwise humorous San Francisco columnist circulated the rumor that Nixon is really in the hospital for plastic surgery, so he won't look so much like Rudolph Hess.

It has also been said that Tricky Dick has squirrel cheeks and shifty eyes.

During the convention, there was a moderately sick "joke" going around.

It went: "Would you buy a used car from this man?"

UNTIL THAT FATEFUL day, Aug. 29, things looked bad for Tricky Dick. Looked like he could not swing the women's vote.

But now we have to reckon with the Great American Female Heart.

What woman can resist feeling sorry for a man who is sick—but who retains his virility in a handicapped sort of way?

It's almost like the old football knee injury psychology. And you can be sure the shrewdest Republican presidential candidate since Thomas E. Dewey will play it to the hilt in Walter Reed Hospital.

Unless, of course, Kennedy breaks his leg. A broken leg is even more pathetic than an infected knee.

(NOTE: Dewey lost because he had a moustache. This reminded women of a gigolo. Most red-blooded American women, it is said, don't trust gigolos.)

More stations dropping stamps

Mario Ducini, secretary of the California Federation of Service Station Owners, said last week that 26,000 gas station operators have stopped giving trading stamps or are considering such a move.

Ducini made the statement at a meeting of San Francisco and northern San Mateo County service station owners. The group made plans to drop stamps.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

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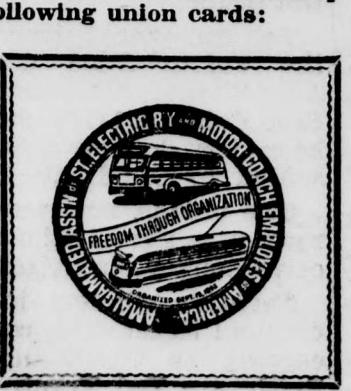
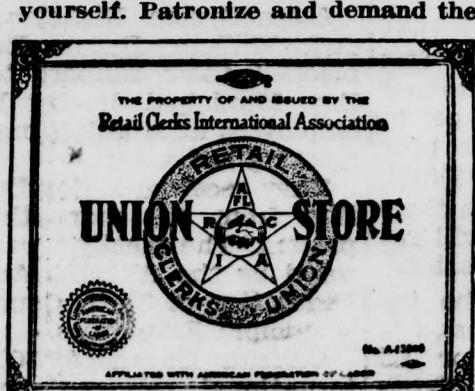
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Labor leaders ignore CLF... weaseling, oppose Prop. 15

Despite the Southern California-enforced policy of the California Labor Federation in washing its hands officially of Proposition 15, several labor leaders and friends of labor have joined the statewide anti-proposition 15 committee.

Californians Against Proposition 15 urge a "No" vote on State Senate reapportionment. It describes Proposition 15 as "the Senate-packing reapportionment scheme."

Labor members of the committee and members from this area include:

Martin Huff, Oakland, State Democratic treasurer, northern division; Jerry S. Jackson, Berkeley, treasurer, Northern California Federation of Young Democrats; Howard H. Jewell, Orinda, assistant state attorney general; Douglas R. Page, Walnut Creek city councilman and Democratic candidate for Congress, Sixth District.

George L. Deck, Santa Rosa, secretary Retail Clerks 1532; Howard Gibson, Stockton, San Joaquin County Building Trades Council; Henry Hanson, secretary, San Joaquin County Labor Council; Jack McCormick, secretary, Sonoma County COPE; Loyd Myers, Fresno, member State Building Trades Council executive board.

Elvin Balotti, Stockton, secretary, ILWU Local 6; George Overton, Stockton, secretary, Teamster 439; John Rendell, president, ILWU Local 54, Stockton.

The committee also includes major leaders of both political parties. Among the groups on record against Proposition 15 is the Democratic State Central Committee.

In the words of the committee, Proposition 15 "is a proposed constitutional amendment, qualified for the Nov. 8 ballot initiative. Petitions secured chiefly in Los Angeles County, to stack the State Senate by increasing the number of Los Angeles County senators by 600 per cent, from one to seven."

"The boards of supervisors of nearly every other county in California have condemned Proposition 15 as a bald-faced, dangerous power grab," the committee says.

"Proposition 15 is a scheme devised by Los Angeles County Supervisor Frank Bonelli as retaliation against the State Senate for refusing to enact legislation sought by Los Angeles supervisors which would have placed a 'possessory interest' tax on defense industries."

"Wisely," the committee continues, "the Senate refused to permit this tax levy, which would have driven jobs and payrolls from California."

"Promoters of the Bonelli scheme, obviously, hope that if Proposition 15 is enacted, Los Angeles County political bosses can bludgeon any proposal they want through the State Legislature—whether it has to do with taxes or water or whatever—regardless of its effect on California as a whole."

The committee's statement points out that the "federal plan," adopted by the people of

California in 1926, divides the State Legislature into two houses whose members are elected similarly to members of the U. S. Congress.

The 80 Assemblymen are elected from districts set up on a population basis.

The 40 State Senators represent districts created on a geographical basis, under which no county is entitled to more than one Senator.

The federal plan provides a proper balance between urban and rural areas and interests.

As the committee points out:

"It assures that no single pressure group can impose its will on the rest of the people of the state through the use of unbridled political power."

The Alameda County and San Francisco labor councils are on record against Proposition 15.

They took their stand despite the fact that the plan would give both counties an additional state senator—along with six extra solons for Los Angeles County and one extra senator each for Santa Clara, Orange and San Diego counties.

Robert S. Ash, secretary of the Alameda County Central Labor Council, played a leading role in the CLF convention fight over Proposition 15—trying to get the convention to take a stand against the dangerous scheme.

Following the convention, a number of Alameda County Central Labor Council delegates condemned the state labor federation's refusal to take a stand.

Here is what the state labor convention did on some other policy matters. It called for:

1. An end to continuing unemployment by reversing the "tight money" and "budget balancing" policies of the Republicans.

2. Relief of tax burdens upon workers and closing of loopholes permitting wealthy individuals and corporations to escape their fair share of taxes.

3. Repeal of the Taft-Hartley and Landrum-Griffin Act, with substitution of a reasonable anti-corruption bill.

4. Repeal of the State Jurisdictional Strike Act.

5. Establishment of a \$1.25 minimum wage and extension of coverage of minimum wage laws.

6. Liberalization of unemployment and disability insurance and workmen's compensation laws.

7. Health care for the aged through social security.

The policy statement points to the "weakness of the Eisenhower Administration" in protecting civil rights.

A resolution calling for a 30-hour work week was turned down on the floor of the convention.

A policy statement on housing called for a broad national program to build homes for the elderly and low and middle income families.

In addition to filling a serious need, the CLF said, the program would offset threat of a serious recession in 1961.

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WILLIAM E. POLLARD (left) of Dining Car Employees 582 chats with three of the principal speakers at the recent California Labor Federation convention. Shown, from left, are: Pollard; Alan Cranston, state controller; Joseph Kennedy, northern area president of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People, and John F. Henning, state director of industrial relations. Kennedy praised the AFLCIO for its support of fair employment practices legislation but called for elimination of "all restrictions and limitations which prevent members of minority groups from becoming highly skilled workers." The convention adopted a civil rights program.

Rep. Miller talks at NALC session

Congressman George P. Miller of Alameda addressed the National Assn. of Letter Carriers' convention in Cincinnati, according to a delayed convention bulletin.

The bulletin said:

"Congressman George P. Miller has been a longtime friend of postal employees. He has sponsored much legislation. He served for a number of years on the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee. President Doherty introduced him as a great champion of the letter carriers. Congressman Miller addressed the delegates as brothers, declaring that he is an honorary member of Branch 76 and he held that honor very high. He has not missed a single NALC convention since being elected to the Congress of the United States. The Congressman from California stated that it was about time that a bill providing for recognition of unions be passed. Congressman Miller was given an enthusiastic ovation at the conclusion of his remarks."

90 PER CENT of the suspected smog producers in the Bay Area failed to register by the deadline, according to the Bay Area Air Pollution Control District. Included are businesses and schools.

Letter Carrier gets high award

Harry M. Mendoza of Letter Carriers 4130 has received the U. S. Post Office Department's "Supreme Activities Award" for subduing an enraged husband armed with a knife.

San Leandro Postmaster George Perry said Mendoza "practically took his life in his hands." He is credited with possibly saving the life on an enraged man's wife.

The incident happened at Bancroft and Lee avenues, San Leandro, July 21. Mendoza, 57, was delivering mail. He tackled the pursuing husband, William C. Lamont, 34, holding him until police officers arrived.

Mendoza's award included a certificate and a check for \$150.

Ex-OCAW officer awarded Cornell U. scholarship

James A. Blyler of 915 Norwell St., El Cerrito is one of eight unionists who have been awarded two-year international labor scholarships to Cornell University.

Blyler is a former officer of Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers 1-561. He was graduated from the University of California in 1958.

Patronize Our Advertisers!

Groulx on subject of picket lines and a visit to Hayward

The problems of Hayward Culinary Workers 823 include Cecil's Drive-In and the Pizza Joynt 'n Ye Olde Taverne.

Richard Groulx, assistant Central Labor Council secretary, decided to talk with both non-union employers recently to see if he could help Local 823 bring these problems to a happy conclusion.

Cecil Ellis, the owner of the restaurant bearing his first name, repeated arguments he expressed in ads in the Hayward Daily Review. He used the old one that his employees didn't want a union.

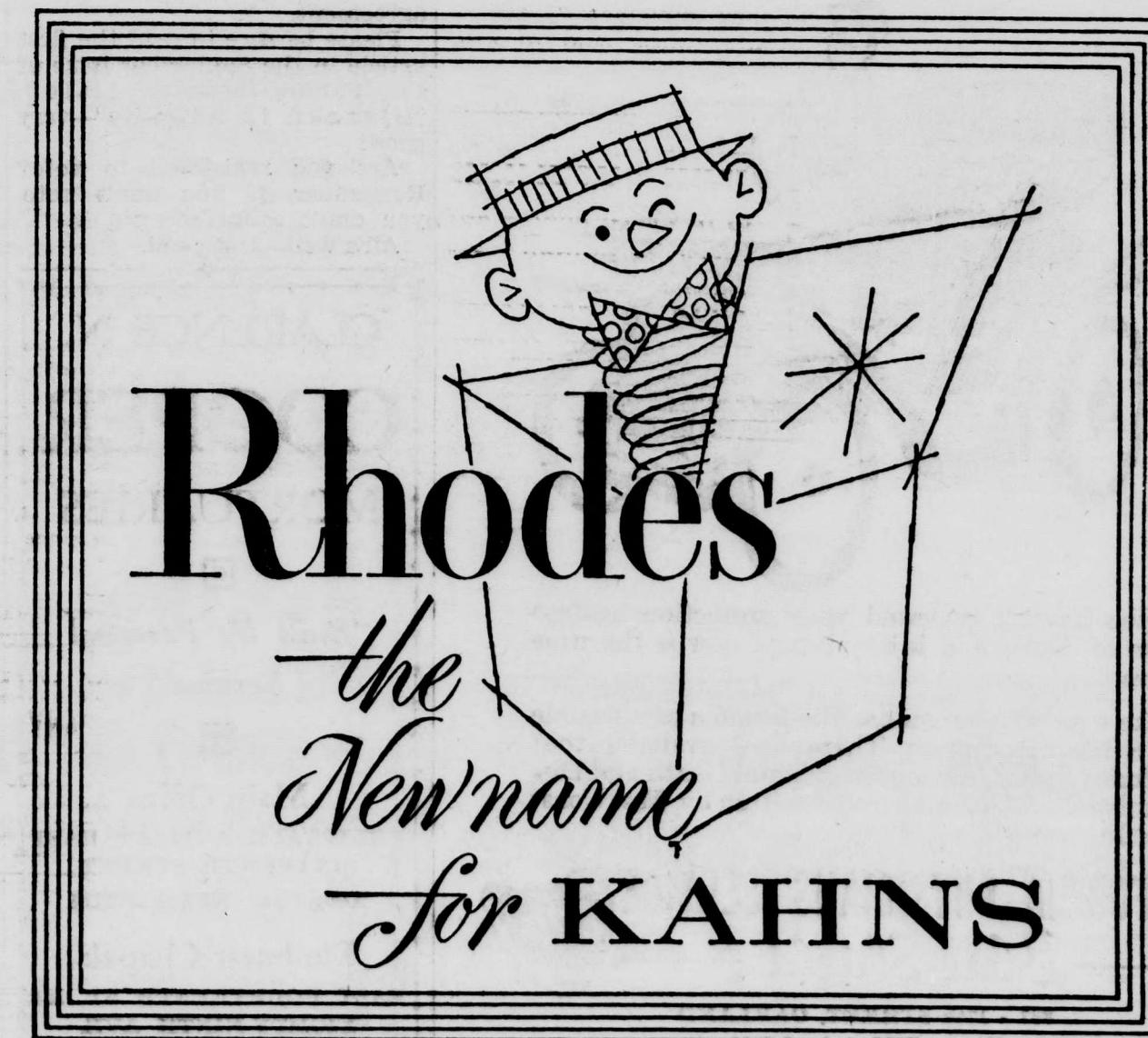
Most of his employees are relatives, Groulx told the labor council.

The other employer wouldn't even talk with Groulx.

The moral, Groulx said, is that these problems wouldn't exist if members of other unions weren't going through the picket lines.

Union members, Groulx emphasized, should get rid of the notion that some picket lines are good, and to be observed, while others are bad, and to be violated—according to the member's judgment.

A picket line is a union principle and should be observed in all cases!



Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

This will be the last call for the electric watch classes at the John A. O'Connell School and the electric watch class in Santa Clara where you register at the San Jose City College on Moorpark Avenue in that city.

As I have only been back in the office for two or three days when I have to write this column, I am going to depart from my usual literary attempts and make some personal comments at this time.

While attending the California Labor Federation convention in Sacramento, my wife became acquainted with a few other wives of other delegates attending the convention. While relaxing during convention sessions at the Sacramento Inn, the question of what locals their husbands represented came up. My wife said her husband represented the Watchmakers from San Francisco. These ladies said: you are not the wife of George Allen who writes the Watchmakers' column in the labor paper? This was quite a surprise to us, but it again proves that some people, even if they are the wives of members of another union, read this column.

I believe the ladies names were Mesdames Matlock, Miles and Jorgenson. They were the wives of Carpenters' delegates from Los Gatos and from the Carpenters District Council in San Jose. So there you are, ladies. I told you to look for your names in my column.

I sincerely hope that our members appreciate the wide interest of the column.

One other bit of personal news consists of a letter I received from my son, Stanley. As some of you know, he is now in the Army, fulfilling his military obligation. He asked me to pass on to those members who are interested in him that he is located in Fort Hood, Texas.

He is still going through his basic training, and he says when he gets through with that repairing watches will be like eating ice cream.

He says to tell the men at Granat Bros. with whom he worked that his rifle is like a

700 Elgin, not made to be repaired.

He says he found a civilian watch repairman on the base who repairs a watch for \$5.50, has a very poor lathe and broken hand removers. The only good thing he found about it was that the work was only guaranteed for six months.

Stanley does not have much time to write to anyone at the present time, but if anyone is interested in his address, it is as follows:

Pvt. Stanley L. Allen, U. S. 5632722, Co. A, 1st ARB, 51st Infantry, 2nd Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

We are sorry to have to report that Brother Willard Cole, who works for Behrend's Jewelers in Stonestown, is again in the Kaiser Hospital in San Francisco. It seems only a short time ago that we were reporting that Brother Cole was hospital confined, and we sincerely hope that this one is not as long drawn out as his last bout with the medical profession created.

Executive board meeting Thursday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m., union office, 693 Mission St., San Francisco.

Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAN

If you counted all the Carpenters at the picnic in Pleasanton Monday, they were few and far between for the crowd, all told. However, of those that came, at least half a dozen received prizes, and one of the big gifts went to Brother George Collins of Local 36. Local 1622 was well represented, but the downtown locals should have done better.

The job calls have held up fairly well and the list is about as short as it ever has been. I hope it holds up through the Fall, but from the permits, I don't see how it can.

Carpenters Credit Union

By PAUL HUGDINS, Treasurer

This credit union is chartered by the State of California as a non-profit financial cooperative for members only. It is super-

vised and examined regularly by the Division of Corporations.

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Hayward Painters 1178

By WILEY H. MOUNTJOY

Did you manage to survive the Labor Day weekend OK? That's good.

Business is pretty good right now, and it's about time—it's been a lousy year so far, but perhaps we can hope the late start will mean the work will hold up through the winter months.

We haven't heard from 'Ol Hoss Charlie Bethel lately. What do you suppose the rascal is up to?

Bus. Rep. Leroy Barstow and Les Moore, secretary of the council, signed the National Homes Company in Newark to a production agreement, which includes three painters now on the job. This is a pre-fab manufacturing plant. As time goes on, more and more of our work will be done in production shops, and we do have a good production agreement.

Please be sure to read the first article in the September issue of the Painter-Decorator, titled, "Blessed is Adversity"—very good!

Are you registered to vote? Remember, if you don't vote, you don't count.

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By FREDRICK T. SULLIVAN

We, the laboring people, have had our day. Once a year our whole nation grinds to a halt in respect to all laboring people. It is customary to people who are close to laboring organizations to gather at some place and, amidst chest thumping and oratory, bray of the gains of the past and make predictions of the future. To a growing (unfortunately) segment of our members this is a bunch of tomfoolery and their main thought is to open a can of beer and sit on the patio or pile the family in the car for the final trip of the summer. There is nothing wrong with this if there is a feeling that accompanies it that to labor for a living is dignified, the whole nation respects it, and if we all work together we can improve the laboring man's standard of living to a level undreamed of by his father. It is the last item where so many of us fall down. The tendency is to "let George do it." We have stretched this so thin that now we are endangered of hearing "George" yell: "The H... with it! I won't do it while you sit around and criticize my efforts." Our union halls used to be full on meeting nights, and when the word spread to support or not support some project the members responded in a heartening manner. Today, the Sears parking lot is full, and 262 of our fellow unionists were fired for respecting a picket line. We put out the word, but very few are listening. Are you?

Machinists Auxiliary

By OLIVE M. HARVEY

Our social meeting in August was called to order by Vice-President Ruth Downs, as President Noell and her family were on vacation. She handled the office with poise and speed, considering the fact that there were not too many present, which made it difficult for her. After the meeting, we played a game and then enjoyed doughnuts and coffee served by the committee.

Sister Ethel Andrews, who has been in the hospital, is home now and reported to be much better. Maybe the trip I gave her to Canada, or the helicopter ride over Seattle, while she was in the hospital, helped. Wishful thinking, huh? It was Sister Myrtus Neyhouse and Bro. Elmer who made that trip and reported it as a wonderful experience. My apologies to both Ethel and Myrtus for the error. I have no excuse for it except that I was interrupted while typing which made me have to hurry to catch the mailman.

Sister Marie Dixon reports that her husband, Bro. Chris, who was hospitalized a week ago for a heart attack, is doing

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nicely tho he will have to remain in the hospital for another week. We are all pulling for you, Chris. Sister Marie informed me that as of now she has decided to resign as delegate to the St. Louis convention; therefore Sister Evelyne Gerholdt as alternate will go in her place, accompanying Sister Opal Lawrence.

Sister Isabel Helmuth has changed her medical aid and is reported to be feeling much better.

Bro. and Sister Nellie Blanford, plan after the convention is over to visit with her folks in Oklahoma. Sister Nellie is delegate to the convention, and while she is busy there Bro. Sam will visit New York.

On September 28 at 8 p.m. at 19th Avenue and Sloat Boulevard in San Francisco, the San Francisco Auxiliary plans a get-acquainted party for all the Bay auxiliaries to meet our new San Mateo auxiliary. Everyone is invited. For more details, contact President Noell.

Don't forget the rummage sale will be next week; so get on the ball.

And, as usual, I'll remind you of that union label. It may be small and you may have to hunt for it, but it carries a lot of weight.

Carpenters Auxiliary

By MARTHA LIGHT

There will be no social this month due to the Admission Day holiday.

Sewing will be held at the home of Julia Sjoberg, Sept. 15 at 8 p.m.

We are happy to have Mina Pretty join our auxiliary. She was a charter member of the Fresno auxiliary, being one of their oldest members.

We are sorry to hear Josephine Wheeler's mother has a broken leg and is in the hospital in traction. She is doing as well as can be expected.

We all hope she has a speedy recovery.

San Leandro News comes out for Jack

The San Leandro Morning News announced itself as favoring election of Senator Kennedy as president in a front page editorial last week.

It said the world is divided in 1960, just as the nation was divided a century ago—when Abraham Lincoln was elected.

Kennedy, according to the newspaper, combines the needed courage, freshness of outlook, leadership and political understanding and understanding of the problems of other peoples.

Dunn to lead Kennedy's campaign in Alameda Co.

Supervisor Francis Dunn of Hayward will serve as Alameda county chairman of Senator John F. Kennedy's Presidential campaign.

Dunn, a member of the Assembly for 12 years, has represented the Second District on the Board of Supervisors since 1955 and is 1959-60 chairman of the board.

Supervisor Dunn has been interested in a number of local and State problems that will be of importance to Northern California in the coming Presidential campaign, including highway construction and education. He was chairman of the Assembly Committee on Education.

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

The first regular annual meeting of the East Bay Automotive Machinists Lodge 1546 Building Corporation will be held on October 4, 1960, for the purpose of electing a board of directors and transacting other important business. Please be present.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

All three meetings of this union will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, the first at 9:30 a.m., the second at 2:30 p.m., and the third at 8:00 p.m. at the union headquarters.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 20.

Fraternally,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

UNITED STEELWORKERS 4468

Regular meetings held 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228 - 36th Avenue, Oakland.

Fraternally,
FRANK V. MCINTOSH,
Recording Secretary

PAINTERS LOCAL 127

The final notice for payment of last year's welfare bills is September 30, 1960. After this date you will have to pay them yourselves. Brothers, take note of the date.

Another special note for you and members of your family that are old enough to vote is to be sure and register to vote. You can register in the local's office when you come in to pay your dues.

Fraternally yours,
ED. GULBRANSEN,
Recording Secretary

AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next regular meeting will be held Sept. 20 in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., at 8 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Business Representative

CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

Due to Labor Day and the Admission Day holidays the next meeting will be held on September 17, 1960, at 1918 Grove Street, Oakland, California, at 2 p.m.

The next regular executive board meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. on September 17, 1960.

Fraternally yours,
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Notice: special meeting Sept. 16. Pursuant to the action of our District Council, we have been notified to make arrangements for calling a special meeting for the purpose of authorizing an increase in the per capita tax to the District Council of five cents per member per month. This increase will be paid by the local but we must have authorization.

Please attend the meeting of Sept. 16 to vote on this issue.

Fraternally yours,
GEORGE E. WHITE,
President
JACK ARCHIBALD,
Recording Secretary

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, September 15, at 8 p.m. Executive Board meets at 6:30 p.m.

Special called meeting, Sunday, September 18, at 10:30 a.m. (Subject—Finances of the Union).

Stewards Council, Saturday, September 24, at 10:30 a.m.

Fraternally yours,
JOHN L. GIFFIN,
Recording Secretary

UC EMPLOYEES 371

The last two regular meetings, as you all know were suspended on account of vacations. Now that vacation time is just about over, our regular meetings will begin again on September 10, 1960. The meeting will be held at the regular time and place, 1 p.m. at Colombo Hall. It is in the interest of all to attend this meeting.

Fraternally yours,
A. ROBERTSON,
Secretary

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

The Friday night, Sept. 16, meeting will be called to order to act on such business as may regularly come before it. However, on that date the presentation of twenty-five year emblems to Bros. Richard Howard, Nestor Koski, Hope Smith and Gust Strom will be a worthy event in their lives and in the history of our local. We have contacted an international officer of our Brotherhood to M.C. this event, but there has not been time for an answer as yet. Watch our Journal notices.

Also some recommendations of the Executive Board will be brought up for discussion and action at this meeting. So, again it will be a busy meeting, and the subjects mentioned are certainly worthy of your appearance and action.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 1473

Fruitvale Local 1473 will hold a special called meeting on Friday, September 16, 1960, at 8 p.m. in Eagle Hall, 1228 - 36th Avenue, Oakland.

The special order will be voting on a proposition to increase the per capita tax to the Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters.

Regular business will also be transacted.

Fraternally yours,
J. W. KIRKMAN,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 36

Of particular importance to all Carpenters and their families are the following items which will be on the agenda during the next few months:

The local union meeting of September 9, will be postponed because of the Admission day holiday.

A special called meeting to vote on a raise of five cents per member, per month, per capita tax for the Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters, Friday at 8 p.m., September 16, 1960. The delegates to the California Labor Federation will also make their reports.

Shall Local Union 36 invest some of its money in the Carpenters Credit Union? Yes or No? Your vote on this matter may settle this important issue.

You have all received a copy of the brochure regarding the Sears Roebuck stores and as a consequence of this you are asked not to shop at any of these Sears Roebuck stores.

Be sure and vote on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 1960, and remember if you have moved you must re-register in order to be eligible to vote at the coming election. Registration closes on September 15, 1960.

Fraternally yours,
J. F. HIGHTOWER,
President
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Important official notice. Pursuant to a call by the Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters, Local Union 1622 has called a Special Called meeting to vote on a referendum to increase the per capita tax of an additional five cents per member per month to the council. This special call will be held at the regular meeting, Friday, September 16.

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings will be held every Friday at 8 p.m. at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Road. A registrar will be present at every meeting to register voters. Be sure and register so you may vote in the November presidential election.

The one dollar assessment to replenish the Blood Bank carried. The assessment is due and payable October 1, 1960.

The Friday, September 9, meeting has been cancelled because of the Admission Day holiday.

The stewards will meet Tuesday, September 13.

Stag party, Friday, 7:30 p.m., September 30.

Fraternally yours,
MARIUS WALDAL,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS LOCAL 1149

Attention, members, Carpenters Local 1149.

The membership meeting to be held Friday, September 16, 1960, at 115 Broadway, Oakland, will be specially called for the purpose of voting on a proposed District Council per capita increase.

STAN LORE,
President & Manager

BERKELEY PAINTERS LOCAL 40

Our regular scheduled meeting of September 9, 1960, has been designated a special call for voting on a proposed change in our local by-laws.

The subject under consideration is that a \$5 fine be levied on all eligible members who fail to vote at the June elections of officers.

This election is held every second year.

All doctor and hospital bills incurred prior to June 30, 1960, must be in the office of the Bay Area Welfare Fund on or before September 30, 1960.

To vote in the November election you must register before September 15. Are you registered? If not, do your duty today.

Won't you plan to attend our September 9 meeting? Refreshments will be served.

Fraternally yours,
GENE SLATER,
Recording Secretary

Paul Boyich of Richmond Machinists 824 was appointed to the Albany City Council by Mayor Kathe Zahn last week.

He replaces Ray Cirimeli of Milk Drivers 302, who resigned Aug. 1. Mayor Zahn said Cirimeli was intimidated into quitting.

A 2-2 council deadlock ensued over appointment of a successor. Boyich, who came within 26 votes of election last April, was named by Mayor Zahn under a law which allowed her to act by Sept. 1 if the council could not agree.

True to Albany tradition, there was a public controversy about Boyich.

Charges included alleged irregularities in an election of the Shipbuilding Workers of America in San Pedro in 1945 and a claim that Boyich was fined and placed on probation for petty theft in Oakland Municipal Court in 1952.

WHY, I REMEMBER....

No speeches, no program—just talk about the good old days.

That's the agenda, if you can call it that, for the Old Timers Day luncheon of Carpenters 36 Saturday, Sept. 17, at Carpenters Hall.

The luncheon is limited to members with 30 years or more at the trade. Between 60 and 80 will receive 30-year pins at the affair, according to Al Thoman, business agent.

The Local 36 Auxiliary is tentatively scheduled to serve the luncheon.

ABC 119 consists of 46 who left

Jim Cross' BCW

Bakery Workers 119 is a new local, and it's still small.

But it's also an important union.

More properly the local is American Bakery & Confectionery Workers 119 (AFLCIO), and this is a clue to its significance.

Local 119 started earlier this year when some members of the old Bakery and Confectionery Workers Union (BCW), which had been kicked out of the AFL-CIO on corruption charges involving its international president, James Cross, decided to join the AFL-CIO.

Employees of three shops voted 100 per cent in April to become part of the corruption-free ABC, and Local 119 was born.

Local 119 later signed contracts with Acme Doughnut Co., Athens Bakery and Laurel Bakery.

Worth Bishop, president, and Bill Pacheco, secretary and business agent, lead the 46 members of Local 119.

Other officers elected in May include: Martin Pryler, John Mondenca and Alfred Bouland, executive board members, and Ermer Whitaker and Lawrence Del Arringa, trustees.

The union won a 35-cent hourly cash package—15 cents this year and 20 cents next year—in its contracts. Other gains over the old BCW contract, according to Pacheco, included a \$2.50 increase in health and welfare contributions, five days' sick leave and seven-day trial promotions.

Meetings have been cancelled for the summer but will resume at 11 a.m. Sept. 10 in the Labor Temple.

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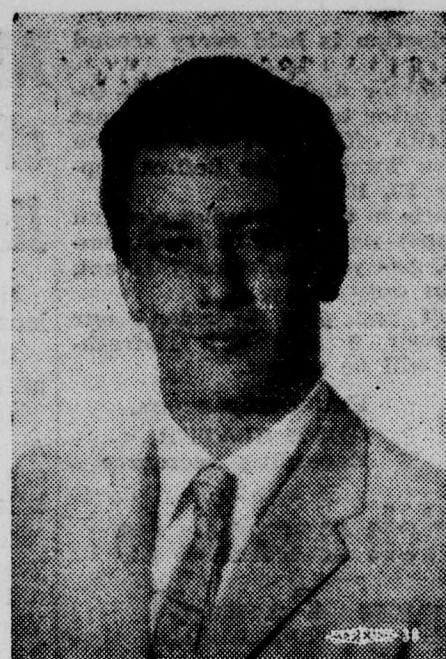
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Six receive State AFLCIO scholarships

Six outstanding high school graduates who won this year's \$500 California Labor Federation scholarships were honored at the recent CLF convention in Sacramento.

The six students were selected from a field of 387 high school graduating seniors who participated in the 1960 competition examination administered through public and private high schools in the state.

Judges who selected the winners, without knowledge of the students' identity, were Arthur M. Ross, director, Institute of Industrial Relations, University of California, Berkeley; Frederick A. Breier, associate professor of economics, University of San Francisco, and Curtis Aller, associate professor of economics, San Francisco State College.

Four of the six winners come from trade union families.

JO-ANN SCULL, the daughter of a member of the Plumbers Union in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, has an outstanding scholastic record at Redlands High School. Besides achieving honors in public speaking, debates and other academic activities, she has won two other scholarship awards, including one sponsored by her father's local union.

Jo-Ann has enrolled at the University of California at Davis.

ROBERT O. LOVELESS ranked among the first twelve in his graduating class at John H. Francis Polytechnic High School, and was the school's Seal Bearer. His mother is an elementary school teacher in Los Angeles and a member of the AFLCIO Teachers 1021.

Robert, who plans to attend UCLA, was a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship competition and won a \$200 UCLA Regent's Scholarship and a \$600 State Scholarship. He is a member of the Thomas Jefferson Young Democrats Club in San Fernando and plans to be active in precinct work during the coming campaign.

MYRNA C. WOOTERS is an honor graduate at El Cajon High School and winner of her

school's highest award, the sterling "E." She plans to seek a teaching credential and then a law degree. Myrna has been a member of the California Scholarship Federation for three years and an active participant in student government.

MARILYN L. DAVIS, the daughter of a member of Local 1245 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, was graduated from Sanger Union High School with honors. She ranked first in her graduating class and was named valedictorian.

CECILIA D. BLACK is the daughter of the chairman of District Lodge 89 of the Inter-

AFLCIO launches non-partisan registration push

The AFLCIO has launched a

major drive to get trade union members, their families and friends registered and out to vote in the 1960 election.

The AFLCIO Executive Council adopted a program calling on AFLCIO unions to contribute 5 cents per member to finance this registration drive. The funds will come from union treasuries. The drive is of a non-political and nonpartisan nature, the AFLCIO said.

AFLCIO President George Meany told a press conference that surveys and spot checks made by the AFLCIO have turned up extremely "discouraging" evidence of the number of people who do not vote.

He noted that the trade union movement had for many years attempted to get its members a middle class environment, and that this year it is launching this program on a broader scale than ever before.

The objective of the campaign he said, is not to tell people how to vote but simply to get them registered and eligible to vote in November, Meany said.

—AFLCIO News.

national Association of Machinists. A top student at Capuchino High School, San Bruno, she was selected graduation speaker by the faculty and senior class, named outstanding graduate of 1960, and was editor-in-chief of the high school's year book.

While attending Capuchino High School Cecilia won a scholarship from the American Field Service for six months' study in Europe and spent the first half of her senior year in Torino, Italy. She has also received a Bank of America Award for achievement in the liberal arts and language fields, and was recently awarded another scholarship at the University of Chicago, where she plans to use her Federation sponsored award. She plans to work for the United Nations.

EDMUND R. MANWELL has a near-perfect record at Marysville Union High School and has been accepted with honors to enter the University of California where he will study a pre-law course.

A winner of the Danforth Foundation Award for leadership, he has won recognition for a number of academic and extra-curricular achievements. Edmund was a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program, won his school's award in the Bank of America Liberal Arts Third-zone event, and was named valedictorian of his class.

San Rafael girl receives \$500 labor scholarship

The Marin County Labor Council has presented its first four-year, \$500 per year, college scholarship to Gretchen Glazier, 16, graduate of San Rafael High School.

Gretchen was one of 50 competitors for the scholarship, which replaces the one-year scholarship awarded annually for the past eight years. She will major in creative writing at Stanford University. Gretchen's father, Dr. K. M. Glazier, is director of Presbyterian mission schools in British Guiana. —AFLCIO News.

Childers tells about suede shoe boys at State Senate hearing

Sloppy workmanship at high prices is the earmark of the "suede shoe boys," who sell home improvements to unwitting householders.

J. L. Childers, business representative of the Alameda County Building Trades Council, made this statement before the State Senate Fact Finding Committee on Business and Commerce at the hearings in San Francisco.

He described how professional bunco artists descend upon a community, then skip town after selling the financing contract and arranging for an inferior job with a contractor.

In many cases, according to Childers' testimony, the bunco artist doesn't even contact the contractor until after the jobs are sold.

At any rate, Childers said, the suede shoe operator has left the area by the time the job is actually performed.

Under law, the contractor is responsible only for the actual job contracted for by the gypso artist.

Many small contractors, the committee was told, fall prey to the suede shoe operators out of economic necessity.

Witnesses called for state action to protect consumers against suede shoe operators who sell roofing, siding, patio and other home "improvement" jobs.

The two-day hearing was based on an Assembly concurrent resolution authored by Assemblyman Charles W. Meyers of San Francisco, which calls for a state legislative study looking forward to remedial action.

Meyers introduced the study measure following the adoption of a resolution on the subject

by the 1958 convention of the California Labor Federation.

Meyers produced an array of witnesses backing up demands for action, which focused on legislation to make the "suede shoe" salesmen responsible to the contractors who actually do the job, by licensing the fast-talkers under the state contractors licensing law.

Vernon A. Libby, general manager of the Better Business Bureau of San Francisco, placed the bilking of consumers by the "suede shoe" boys in the home improvement field alone at \$500 million annually.

Howard Jewel of the Consumer Frauds Division of the Attorney General's office described the virtual impossibility of securing criminal convictions of the "suede shoe" boys, and the total inadequacy of civil action.

William Cole of the State Consumer Counsel's office reviewed the various pitches used by the "professional bunco artist, skilled in his trade." These were described as the "model home" or "referral" pitch, and the "switch and sell" pitch.

Governor issues non-partisan plea: register to vote!

Gov. Edmund G. Brown reminded all Californians, regardless of political party, of the importance of registering to vote, in a recent statement.

The governor pointed out that you must register before Sept. 15 in order to vote in the November election.

Following is the text of his statement:

"The basic, vital right of every American to cast his ballot on election day is a priceless thing. Our forefathers fought and died to win it; men die in a turbulent world today because they do not have it.

"The future of our country—of every man, woman and child in California, and every human being in the world—depends upon how well and wisely this precious right is used by those who still hold it in the free nations.

"Those who fail to register have thrown away their share of stock in democratic government. It is like tossing a diamond into the rubbish heap, or losing a gun on the way to battle.

"I urge every California adult to check upon his voting status, to make sure he can help choose his next President, his representatives in The Congress, and in the State Legislature.

"A voter must be an adult citizen who has lived one year in the State, 90 days in the county and 54 days in his voting precinct.

"If you have moved recently, if you did not vote in the 1958 general election, if you will become 21 by next November 8, or if you have changed your name, you must register by September 15 in order to vote in November.

"Remember:

"September 15 is the last day for registration.

"November 8 is election day. Let every California voter's voice be heard."

Kennedy to introduce 'Youth for K.' group

Bob Seaton of Food Clerks 870, Youth for Kennedy chairman, said Senator Kennedy is scheduled to introduce his organization at the candidate's rally Sept. 8 in the Civic Auditorium.

Seaton said anyone wishing to join Youth for Kennedy should telephone him at HI. 4-5900 as soon as possible.

Clerks level new charges against Sears Roebuck

Charges of new and repeated violations of union contracts have been leveled against Sears Roebuck & Co. by two San Francisco Retail Clerks unions.

The unions said that employees who had been fired more than two months ago for respecting a Machinists' picket line were being made victims of new contract violations as the company called them back to work.

Leona Graves, secretary of Department Store Employees 1100, and William Silverstein, Secretary of Retail Shoe and Textile Salesmen 410, listed these charges:

1. The company is discriminating against union members in violation of its contracts by refusing to return them to the jobs from which they were fired more than two months ago.

2. The company is assigning them to different and often less favorable jobs, in violation of their seniority rights. Transfers and demotions, often with pay cuts, are frequent.

3. The employees are being arbitrarily and discriminatorily assigned adjusted seniority dates, thus penalizing them for conduct which is legal and proper under the unions' contracts with the firm.

4. The company is ignoring the employees' claims to pay, welfare coverage and other benefits due them by reason of the company's earlier contract violations.

"We want to make it plain," the two secretaries said in a joint statement, "that Sears Roebuck, in recalling their employees, is not correcting the harm it did by its earlier actions. Instead, it is compounding the harm and inflicting new injuries and indignities on these employees.

"The company is obviously still unwilling to live up to its contract obligations or to repair the enormous damage it has done to decent and responsible labor relations in San Francisco."

The unions' statement said the new violations will be added to those already pending before Arbitrator Arthur C. Miller. Miller, regional attorney for the Federal Security Administration, was chosen as arbiter after a federal court had ordered Sears to arbitrate the claims arising out of the company's discharge of 144 members of the two unions. Hearings got underway before Miller last week.

WAYNE WELCH of 930 Spruce Street, Berkeley, has been named Dollar for Democrats Chairman for the 18th Assembly District by George Aahl, Alameda County Dollars for Democrats chairman.

BTC to probe shoddy building practices; picket 2 firms again

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said Earl the Glass Man is "just as bad as those carpet guys."

Roe of Carpenters 1622 said a City of Hayward truck had gone through the picket line at Earl the Glass Man. As a result of Roe's complaints, City Mgr. Ray Doran has issued a directive to all city personnel, ordering them to keep out of non-union firms while on city business.

GLAZIERS' STRIKE

Kerr reported that a one-day strike of wood sash glaziers at Hogan Lumber Co. and Western Sash & Door last Wednesday, Aug. 31, resulted in gains of 20 cents an hour and a ninth paid holiday, the day after Thanksgiving Day.

SEARS BOYCOTT

Delegates voted to incorporate

in the council's minutes part of a letter from C. J. Haggerty, president of the AFLCIO Building and Construction Trades Department, on the Sears, Roebuck & Co. boycott.

Haggerty pointed out that the AFLCIO Executive Council has urged all members of organized labor and their friends not to patronize Sears Roebuck because of its anti-labor tactics, including the firing of 262 San Francisco employees.

In addition, Haggerty urged all building trades councils and their affiliated unions to write to Crowdus Baker, president of Sears, Roebuck & Co., requesting a revision of the firm's anti-union policy. Baker's address is 925 S. Holman Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Alameda Co. labor Planter dedicated pledges farm drive to Gus Bornerman support at meeting

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land soon. Its organizing crew is made up of farm workers, not professional organizers. They are getting paid farm wages, Smith said.

If farm workers in Oakland form an AWOC unit, Smith promised, dues will be put aside in a special fund until a regular local is set up; then the local will get the money. There will be no initiation fees.

Smith urged the farm workers to stay out of Lake County because there is a strike on there. He said the union won gains in the cherry, cot and peach harvests and aimed to do the same in pears.

It is a "fantasy" of the growers, Smith said, that Americans won't perform farm labor. The real reason is that the pay is too low, Smith declared.

He cited cement masons, plumbers and other crafts as examples of American workers who do back-breaking or unpleasant work but who receive decent wage scales.

Hatters protest imports

The Hatters' Union has petitioned the U. S. Tariff Commission for relief from increasing imports of women's fur felt hat bodies which will, the union says, destroy a substantial portion of the hat industry unless checked by an increase in import duties.

The application was filed for the men's hat, cap and millinery industries, and the handbag and luggage industries. — AFLCIO News.

A tree planter and plaque honoring the late Gus Bornerman of Letter Carriers 1701 has been dedicated in front of the Hayward Post Office.

The planter, part of Hayward's tree memorial street beautification program, was dedicated by members of Branch 1707. It was the first planter to be so dedicated.

Bornerman was a letter carrier in Hayward from 1921 to 1957. He attended many National Assn. of Letter Carriers conventions and was a member of the Oakland Letter Carriers Band.

CLF urges 'yes' on Proposition 5

A "Yes" vote on Proposition 5 was unanimously recommended by the California Labor Federation in Sacramento.

Proposition 5 is an amendment to the State Constitution that would increase pay of members of the State Legislature from \$500 to \$750 per month.

CLF Secretary-Treasurer Thomas Pitts is one of the signers of the official argument for Proposition 5.

REGISTER TO VOTE!

Agribusinessmen probe Puerto Ricans as new source of strikebreakers

A threat to use Puerto Rican labor on California fields is just part of a continued effort by farmers to push domestic workers out of the picture.

So says Norman Smith, director of the AFLCIO Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee.

Smith made the statement about a group of Imperial Valley corporation farmers who are visiting Puerto Rico, reportedly to look into the island's natives as a cheap labor source to replace Mexican National braceros.

The agreement between the United States and Mexico prohibits braceros from working behind picket lines. Puerto Ricans are American citizens, and growers could hire them as strikebreakers without this complication.

The farmers are reportedly considering the move despite the high cost of transportation.

Keith Metz, president of the Imperial Valley Farm Assn., was quoted as saying the group was informed that the Puerto Rican government is opening a migrant labor office in Los Angeles.

Printing Specialties 1628 assisting McDonald fund

Printing Specialties 1628 is helping raise money for the legal defense of L. S. McDonald, a stereotyper, falsely accused of dynamiting trucks in the Portland newspaper strike. Delegate Al Chasmar told the Central Labor Council.

Chasmar cited the fact that the Portland Oregonian had just ordered four new trucks as one piece of evidence that the dynamiting charges against McDonald are false. McDonald is out on \$10,000 bail.

Hanger sues E. B. Steel Machinists, 2 unionists

A \$50,000 suit by Chuck Hanger, San Francisco lawyer and onetime U. C. basketball star, was on file today against two union officials and East Bay Steel Machinists 1304 as a result of last year's Pabco strike.

In addition to the union, Hanger named Richard Groulx, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council, and Dave Arca of Steel Machinists 1304. He said he suffered injuries when he was involved in a picket line incident with the two.

36 turn out for 4th annual union golf tournament

Thirty-six union golfers turned out for the fourth annual Alameda County AFLCIO golf tournament Saturday, Sept. 3, at the Hayward Golf Course.

Results, as announced by Co-chairmen Art Hellender and Joe Chaudet, handicapper, were:

Class 1—Bob Nelson, 86-16-70; Bill Reid, 74-3-71; Leon Duskevich, 83-11-72.

Class 2—D. Penman*, 87-14-73, and Al Cavanaugh, 87-14-73, tied for first; C. Seggota*, 92-18-74, and Gene Gibbons, 87-13-74, tied for third.

Class 3—Roy Woods*, 96-21-75, and Roy Rork, 98-23-75, tied for first; Jack Begley, 94-17½-78½.

Class 4—Al Well*, 101-27-74, and Bill Booth, 139-65-74, tied for first; Fred Boetch, 115-40-75.

(*denotes winner of tie-breaking contest.)

C. Seggota won the driving contest at 297½ yards. J. Cabral emerged victorious in the contest for the shortest drive.

Joe Chaudet won the hole-in-one contest for the second year, coming within five feet, six inches of the pin. Art Hellender was second in the hole-in-one contest, at 26 feet, six inches.

Co-chairman Hellender announced that for the first time in four years the tournament was graced with a woman golfer, Mrs. Laura Bates, whose score was 113-34½-78½.

This year's tournament was combined with the tournament of Printing Specialties Joint District 5. Hellender expressed his thanks to Fredrick Sullivan of JDC 5 and Joe Cabral of the Printing Specialties, who assisted in scoring and handicapping.

Handicapper Chaudet said the Calloway system of handicapping was used.

Rail unions say strike insurance delayed pact

The Railway Labor Executives' Association has charged that strike insurance delayed a settlement of the recent 26-day strike by the Trainmen against the Long Island Railroad.

The Long Island strike would have settled a lot sooner, RLEA Chairman G. E. Leighty told a news conference, if the company hadn't received \$50,000 a day to meet its fixed costs every day the strike lasted.—AFLCIO News.

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Register to vote, even if you're indifferent

Even if Kennedy and Nixon leave you cold, we urge you to be sure that you're registered to vote by the deadline, Thursday, Sept. 15.

Do it, just in case....

You may think now that you don't care who wins. That's your privilege.

But—who knows?—things may happen between now and November to change your mind.

By failing to register now, you automatically throw away your American right of voting in this year's election unless you're already registered.

The following must register:

1. Anyone who did not vote in the November, 1958, general election and who has not registered since then.

2. Anyone who has moved since the June, 1960, primary election.

3. Anyone whose name has been changed through marriage or other legal action.

4. Anyone who will be 21 by Nov. 8, 1960.

5. New citizens who acquired their citizenship by Aug. 10, 1960.

If you have just moved to California you still may be able to vote if you were eligible to vote in your previous state of residence. Check with the County Registrar of Voters in the Court House, 1225 Fallon St.

Congress: everybody lost

The special session of Congress was a fizzle.

It was a defeat for the Republicans. It was a defeat for the Democrats. And it was a defeat for labor.

President Eisenhower opened the August political circus by demanding passage of a lot of bills not earmarked for the special session. It was an obvious political move.

Most of Ike's bills weren't passed. So it was a defeat for the Republicans.

The session was a defeat for the liberal Democrats because most of their program was bottled up in committee, watered down or defeated by a coalition of Republicans and Dixiecrats.

As for labor, not one of the five bills given top priority by the AFLCIO got by.

Health care for the aged through social security was defeated. The GOP-Dixiecrat coalition would allow only federal grants for optional state programs.

The minimum wage bill died in a Senate-House conference committee, despite sweeping concessions by Senator Kennedy. The GOP-Dixiecrats stripped minimum wage coverage from so many workers that the bill became meaningless.

A stopgap housing bill was approved, but the omnibus bill was killed in committee by the GOP-Dixiecrats.

Federal aid to education died because the GOP-Dixiecrat-dominated House Rules Committee refused to schedule a House-Senate conference to work out differences.

Construction site picketing, a measure especially important to building trades unions, also died in committee, bottled up by the GOP-Dixiecrats.

Even if it was a fizzle, the special session proved two things:

1. It's important to elect representatives and senators who don't vote down every piece of progressive legislation proposed, and

2. We need a president who won't hold a veto threat over progressive legislation.

We hope the just-starting campaign will be more productive than the special session of Congress. Undoubtedly the candidates do, too.

Hospitality

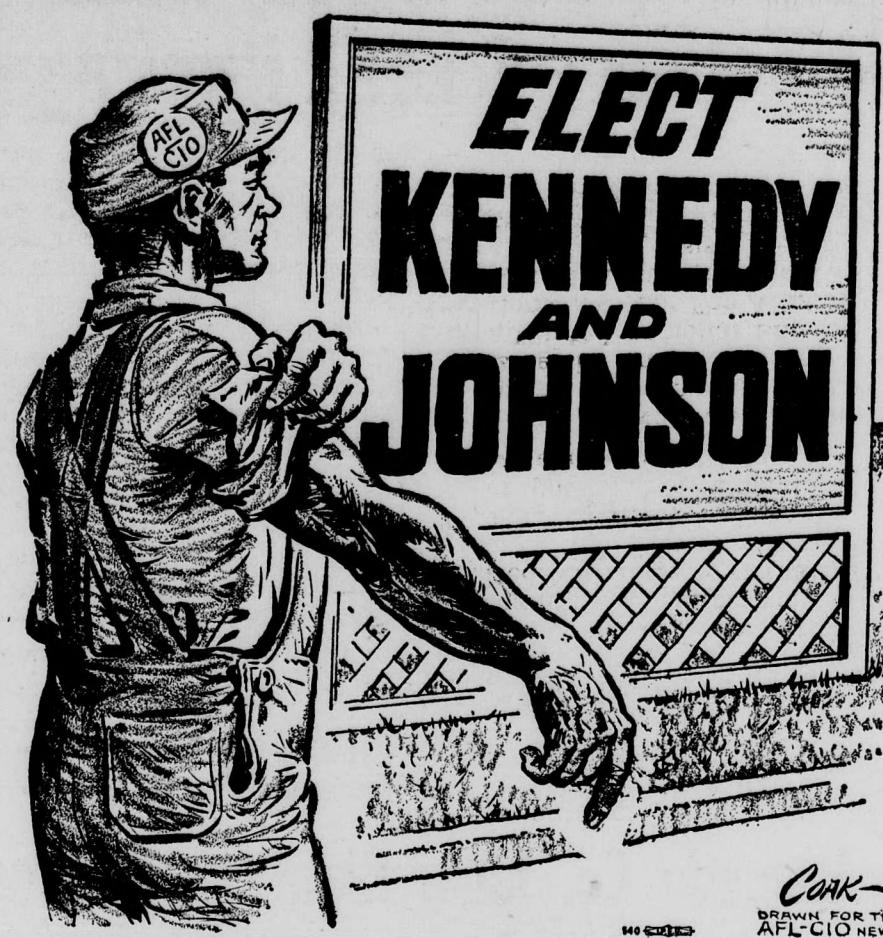
If Christopher Bacon had gone to Russia, he might have expected the NKVD gumshoes to shadow him, especially if he did anything so foolish as "chant" at an Un-Soviet Activities Subcommittee hearing.

Had he done anything as indiscreet as date the daughter of the British ambassador, the Secret Police might have popped up from behind a park bench—or in bus stations and airports.

They might have even followed the girl across the Steppes of Central Asia.

But it was the U. S. Immigration Service which gave Christopher—and other alien students—this kind of treatment. We wonder what they tell their friends at home about the Land of the Free and the Brave.

The Job Ahead!



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SCHNITZLER PREDICTS GOOD YEAR; SETS AIMS

The following is the 1960 Labor Day Message of William F. Schnitzler, AFLCIO secretary-treasurer.

Due to space limitations, it was not printed in the Labor Day editions of the East Bay Labor Journal. We feel, however, that its contents is of interest to union members.

The complete message follows:

On this Labor Day, the trade union movement is setting its sights on new advances in organization during the coming year.

We believe that conditions will be auspicious for further gains in union membership:

1. From all indications, the political climate will be improved. While the 1960 campaign is just getting under way, candidates endorsed by the AFLCIO appear to have the edge. All the public opinion polls point to the conclusion that America wants more liberal, more progressive and more active government.

2. At the same time, anti-labor forces are in retreat. The trend toward legislation restricting union activities has lost its momentum. Now the emphasis is on removing legislative curbs on legitimate union activities. The AFLCIO has not only survived the scandals resulting from the exposure of corruption within a few organizations, but it has gained in stature, prestige and public respect.

3. Equally important, we can look for a revival of industrial activity with a new Administration in Washington. It can safely be predicted that there will be increased expenditures for national defense, housing, education and road building. It can also be assumed that the tight-money policy will be lifted. Once this inhibiting policy is removed the national economy will be able to move forward vigorously again with higher employment and greater opportunity for sustained industrial expansion.

It must be pointed out that the AFLCIO has not been sitting back and waiting for a better break before launching a strong organizational drive. On the contrary, during the past few years we have taken advantage of every opportunity to organize workers and we have succeeded beyond what could be expected, considering the handicaps we faced.

MILLION MEMBERS

The figures show that our affiliated unions have enrolled more than a million new members since the merger. However, the total membership does not reflect this gain, because an equal number has been lost as

a result of high unemployment in the mass production industries.

This condition, we trust, will be of short duration. A higher rate of economic growth is essential to keep America strong and it undoubtedly will be attained. When that occurs, our past membership gains will become fully apparent, as will our future organizational opportunities.

The trade union movement must be ready to take advantage of these opportunities. Our organizations cannot be conducted as exclusive clubs. Their first duty, as enunciated by the founder of our movement, Sam Gompers, is to "organize, organize, organize!" Just as America can maintain its strength only if it keeps growing, so the American trade union movement can remain strong only if it continues to organize and enlarges its representation.

The AFLCIO believes there will soon be unparalleled opportunity for more intensive organization in virtually every industry and every area of the nation.

NEW FIELDS

However, there are two broad fields where thus far we have scarcely scratched the surface and where we must make up for lost time.

First of these are white collar workers. The AFLCIO is now making a careful survey to determine what new approaches and new organizing methods may be necessary to bring the benefits of union organization to millions of workers in this broad category.

Second are the workers employed by Federal, State and local governments. Some branches in this group are highly and effectively organized. Others are virtually without any union representation. This is another huge reservoir of potential membership which we can and must tap.

In a Federation like ours, the prime responsibility for organizing the unorganized rests upon affiliated national and international unions. The AFLCIO itself can plan, it can point the way and it can assist. We are doing this and we will continue to do so. We will also do everything in our power to erase jurisdictional difficulties which impede organization.

Let this Labor Day be the signal for a real forward push in organizing the unorganized. The trade union movement is on the mark, it is all set and it is ready to go.

OPINIONS

You Write 'Em . . .
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NO TWEEDLEDEE ELECTION IN '60

Editor, Labor Journal:

Hats off to the union wives of Alameda county!

They appear to be showing the men the way in registering to vote in the vital November election.

COPE workers checking up on registration of union members have found an amazingly large number of cases where the wives are on the registration rolls, but their union member husbands are not.

Two years ago, the women folk in union families rallied in emphatic manner to join the fight against infamous Proposition 18. They knew that proposal constituted a direct threat to the welfare of their families.

Many of them apparently now realize that the menace to union members in the coming election is just as grave though it may not seem so direct.

In fact, in these days when world peace and domestic progress are indivisible factors, every election is vital to us all.

The coming election is far from being the Tweedle-dum-Tweedledee affair that a number of persons—including a few misguided union representatives—would like to have us believe. Jack Kennedy has a good record on labor-supported measures. Dick Nixon's record is far from good.

But there is more to the issues than that.

Any union member who tries to shrug off the Democratic vs. Republican angle is making a terrible mistake.

In marking recently the 25th anniversary of Social Security, commentators recalled that Republican congressmen had voted almost solidly against adoption of this New Deal measure.

Today, most Republican lawmakers have become reconciled to Social Security for old age insurance. In view of overwhelming public opinion, they can do no less.

But Republican Senators voted 32 to 1 against the Kennedy proposal to place medical care for the aged under Social Security, the only fair, decent, humanitarian plan, for which organized labor stands foursquare.

Democrats voted 43 to 19 in favor of the Kennedy amendment, the 19 being mostly unreconstructed Southerners.

The measure finally adopted is a cruel, cruel joke on the aged bill.

There appears to be only one sure cure for this situation:

Elect not only Jack Kennedy, but more and more northern Democratic congressmen!

Labor has a few Republican friends in Congress—very few—but the great majority of Americans regard the Republican party as the enemy of labor's progress. And it is.

A Republican presidential victory this fall inevitably would mean more conservative Republican Congressmen. It would be interpreted by powerful employers as a direct invitation to move in and smash at labor's rights.

The Landrum-Griffin bill, harmful and unfair as it is to labor, would appear mild compared to new anti-union measures that would be pressed.

The result—more Sears and Portland newspaper scab moves in more and more industries.

Union members, you must not fail to do your part to turn back this threat to your paycheck and jobs and self-respect.

Remember, the final day to register is Sept. 15.

WILLIAM H. GRATTAN, member, San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild